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Hongkong, 23rd March, 1908. [23]

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Hongkong, 8th April, 1908. [25]

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Hongkong, 16th July 1908. [26]

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A. F. DAVIES,
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Hongkong, 1st June, 1907.

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F. J. ABBOTT,

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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. [28]

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [29]

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [30]

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Hongkong, 9th March, 1908. [31]

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2.15 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes
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1.00 p.m. to 1.30 p.m. ... Every 15 minutes
1.30 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes
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2.30 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. ... Every 10 minutes

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Hongkong, 2nd July, 1908. [32]

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| YOKOHAMA and KOBE | { "PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Lenz | FRIDAY, 6 P.M., the 24th July. |
| NAPLES, GENOA, ALGIERS, GIBRALTAR, SOUTHAMPTON, ANTWERP AND BREMEN | { "PRINZ LUDWIG" Capt. F. v. Boden | WEDNESDAY, NOON, 29th July. |
| SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE | { "PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD" Capt. A. Kerchner | ABOUT WEDNESDAY, 29th July. |
| MANILA, NEWGUINEA, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE | { "PRINZ SIGISMUND" Capt. D. Lenz | THURSDAY, 5 P.M., 1st August. |
| KUDAT and SANDAKAN | { "BORNFO" Capt. F. Semblin | BEGINNING OF AUGUST. |

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Hongkong, 23rd July, 1908.

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Yokohama, May 23rd, 1908.

KOWLOON TIME BILL.

SUGGESTED CHANGE OF COLOUR.

The following correspondence was read at the committee meeting of the Chamber of Commerce on 13th inst.—

Colonial Secretary's Office,

25th June, 1908.

Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 2nd October, 1905, in which a suggestion, which has been acted upon, was made that the time ball at Kowloon should be painted black instead of red, I am directed to inquire whether the colour that has been adopted is satisfactory to masters of vessels using the port and others. If it is not, I am to suggest that white might render the ball more distinguishable.—I am &c.,

F. H. MAY,

Colonial Secretary.

The Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 8th July, 1908.

SIR,—Referring to the Colonial Secretary's letter of 25th ultimo, to your goodness, we have made inquiries of masters of the China Navigation Company's steamers using this port and find that they consider the present colour—black—satisfactory, whereas white would be practically indistinguishable at a distance. We would mention, however, that the masters unanimously suggest that the height to which the ball is hoisted should be increased by say 12 feet, for at present the ball is sometimes obscured at the critical moment to distant steamer by the sail of a passing junk or by masts of other steamers.—We are, &c.,

BUTTERFIELD AND SWIRE.

E. A. M. Williams, Esq., Secretary, Chamber of Commerce.

The Secretary forwarded a copy of this letter to the Colonial Secretary.

Consignees.

S.S. "ARMAND BEHIC."

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo from London ex Dordogne and Dore, and from Bordeaux ex s.s. Ville de Celle, in connection with above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before Noon, TO-DAY, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned. Goods remaining unclaimed after MONDAY, the 27th July, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before the 17th July, or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on MONDAY, the 27th July, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

T. NALIN,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1908.

"MOGUL" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNERS.

STEAMSHIP "ERROLL," FROM GLASGOW, LIVERPOOL AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 27th instant will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 27th August, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 27th instant, at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LIMITED, Agents.

Hongkong, 20th July, 1908.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's Steamship

LAISANG,

having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo, impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 4 P.M. the 23rd inst. will be landed at Consignee's risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908.

"BEN" LINE OF STEAMERS.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

S.S. "BENCLEUGH,"

FROM ANTWERP, MIDDLESBROOK, LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 28th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 31st inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at daylight.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908.

FROM EUROPE.

THE H. A. L. Steamship

SILVIA,

Captain Jaeger, having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their goods from alongside.

Optional cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary is given, before TO-DAY.

Any cargo impeding her discharge will be landed at Consignee's risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Limited, and stored at Consignee's risk and expense.

All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 29th inst. will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 28th inst., at 3 P.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERICA LINE.

Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908.

ALL ROUND THE WORLD LINE.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

| FOR STEAMERS | CAPTAINS | TO SAIL ON |
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| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, YARA | Sellier | 3rd Aug., P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | TOURAN | Lancelin |
| SHANGHAI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, AUSTRALIEN | VERROU | 4th Aug., at 1 P.M. |
| MARSEILLES, VIA PORTS | ARMAND BEHIC | Guicourt |
| Transhipment on the Co.'s Steamers at Singapore for Batavia; at Colombo for Calcutta, Bombay and Australia; at Port Said for the Levant, Constantinople and Black Sea. | | 18th Aug., 1 P.M. |
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| Interpreters meet passengers at their arrival in Marseilles. | | |
| For further particulars, apply to | P. NALIN, | ACTING AGENT, QUEEN'S BUILDINGS. |

Hongkong, 21st July, 1908.

CHARGEURS RÉUNIS.

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ALL ROUND THE WORLD LINE.

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| Outward: ANTWERP, DUNKIRK, LA PALICE, MARSEILLES, GENOA, NAPLES, COLOMBO, VIA SUEZ, SINGAPORE, HONGKONG, CHINAWANTAO (Peking, Tientsin), KOBE, YOKOHAMA. | SELLIER | 3rd Aug., P.M. |
| GENOA to HONGKONG IN 30 DAYS. | | |
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| Unique opportunity to make a tour in North-China and Japan with the Greatest Speed, Safety and Comfort. | | |
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| * AMIRAL EXELMANS | CEYLON | 10th Nov. |
| * OUESSANT | CORSE | 11th Jan. |
| * MALTE | | 12th Oct. |
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Hongkong, 4th June, 1908.

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HONGKONG-WUCHOW LINE.

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| THE Steamer "LINTAN" and "SAN-UI" | | |
| JAIL FROM HONGKONG TWICE A WEEK AND COMPLETE THE ROUND TRIP IN 4 DAYS. | | |
| These steamers have Excellent Saloon Accommodation, and are lighted throughout by Electricity. | | |
| THE CLIMATE ON THE WEST RIVER DURING THE WINTER MONTHS IS VERY FINE AND EXHIL | | |

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HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO
STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE EIGHTY-FOURTH ORDINARY
HALF-YEARLY MEETING OF
SHAREHOLDERS in the Company, will be
held at the Office of the Company, Hotel
Mansions, on TUESDAY, the 11th August,
at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving
a Report of the Directors, together with a
Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend
confirming the appointment of Directors; and
electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from the 28th July to 11th
August, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. E. CLARKE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1908. [682]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
& AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of \$3.50 per
share for the six months ending 30th
June, 1908, will be payable on the 30th last,
on which date Dividend Warrants may be
obtained on application at the Company's
Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the
2nd instant, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th
instant (both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1908. [667]

THE WEST POINT BUILDING
COMPANY, LIMITED.

AN INTERIM DIVIDEND of Dollars
Two per Share for the Six Months
ending 30th June, 1908, will be payable on
the 30th instant, on which date Dividend
Warrants may be obtained on application at
the Company's Office.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company
will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the
2nd instant, to WEDNESDAY, the 29th
instant (both days inclusive), during which
period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the Hongkong Land Invest-
ment and Agency Company, Ltd.
General Agents for The West Point
Building Company, Ltd.

Hongkong, 14th July, 1908. [668]

Notices of Firms

KOWLOON HOTEL.

NOTICE.

The Undersigned beg to Notify his Clients
and the Public generally that he has
admitted Mr. P. E. RED STONE into
PARTNERSHIP with him in the business of
the above Hotel as from 1st July, 1908, under
the name and style of "OWEN STONE & CO."

O. E. OWEN,
Proprietor.

NOTICE.

M. R. P. E. FRED STONE has the pleasure
to inform his numerous Friends and
Acquaintances (abore and abroad) that he has
joined Mr. O. E. OWEN as a PARTNER
in the business of the KOWLOON HOTEL,
as from the 1st July, 1908, under the name and
style of "OWEN, STONE & CO."

He trusts that they will extend to the new
firm a share of their patronage.

Hongkong, 13th July, 1908. [663]

NOTICE.

M. R. L. GAMEAU (late Manager of A.
Chazalon & Co.) has the pleasure to
inform his Numerous Customers and the
Public generally that he has bought over the
business of Messrs. A. CHAZALON & Co.,
as from 1st July, 1908, and will carry on same
under the name and style of "FRENCH
STORE." He trusts that the same kind
patronage will be extended by his customers
and the public.

All accounts due to the firm of A. CHAZALON
& Co. will be collected by him and all bills
against the firm must be sent in before 15th
August, 1908, or they will not be recognised.

Hongkong, 17th July, 1908. [677]

INTERNATIONAL SLEEPING CAR
and

EXPRESS TRAINS Co.

(THE)

GREAT TRANS-SIBERIAN ROUTE
TO EUROPE.

HAVING been appointed AGENTS for
the above Company, we shall be
pleased to give any information as to rates of
passage, &c., in connection with above.

SHewan, Tomes & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 1st July, 1908. [47]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY,
LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lb. net \$6.50 per Cask
ex Factory.

In Bags of 150 lb. net \$3.50 per Bag
ex Factory.

SHewan, Tomes & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1908. [681]

LIGHTERS AND CARGO-BOATS.

INCREASED LICENCE FEES.

At the monthly meeting of the Chamber of
Commerce held on the 13th inst., the following
correspondence was read:-

Hongkong, 27th May, 1908.
Dear Sir,-On the 29th ultime a joint letter
was addressed to the Colonial Secretary by the
owners of foreign lighters protesting against
the recent increase of licence fees.

A reply has been received from the Colonial
Secretary which is in the opinion of the signa-
tories to the protest is not considered satisfac-
tory and it has been agreed that the matter
should be laid before your Committee with a
view of soliciting their assistance in this
connection.

For reasons expressed in the correspond-
ence, copies of which are enclosed, it is con-
sidered that this matter is affecting shipping
interests in one of more than ordinary impor-
tance; we trust therefore that your Committee
will afford us all possible assistance.-We are, &c.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.
To the Secretary,
Hongkong Chamber of Commerce.

Hongkong, 30th April, 1908.

Sir,-With reference to the recent heavy in-
crease in the licence fees for cargo-boats and
lighters, notified in the Government Gazette of
the 20th ultimo, we, the undersigned, owners of
private lighters, beg that, for reasons herein-
after expressed, the decision of the Government
to double the tax already levied on such craft
be reconsidered.

We venture to say that it is not equitable,
even though it were done previously, to place
private craft (acquired for the sole purpose of
carrying on our respective businesses, and
which under no circumstances ply for hire) on
the same footing as Chinese-owned boats, the
daily hire of which is regulated by Government
tax.

In one case the usefulness and earning power
of the lighters is limited to the requirements of
our trade, whereas in the case of the Chinese
owned boats, the return is governed by the
energy and resourcefulness of the licensee. It
is, we think, generally admitted that Native
Cargo Boats, paid for to a large extent by the
Typhoon Relief Fund, have, since the typhoon
of September, 1906, demanded "altogether,"
unreasonable terms, thus greatly encroaching
their earnings. The position of many foreign-
owned lighters is entirely different; after the
catastrophe of September 1906 several Euro-
pean firms, owing to the scarcity of native craft,
were forced to purchase, at excessive prices,
lighters from other ports. It is perhaps un-
necessary to add that the benefits resulting
from the prompt acquisition of such craft were
by no means confined to the respective owners
of same, inasmuch as the lighters proved dead at
the time of scarce a means of carrying on
business of vital importance to the Colony
generally, i.e. the delivery and shipment of
cargo.

Now that matters in connection with the
handling of goods have assumed a normal state
the lighters which during the crisis were indis-
pensable both to shipowners and merchants
alike, have now become a source of heavy ex-
pense to their owners, and any increase to that
viewed with concern. Having now laid the
position clearly before you, we trust that the
Government will see the reasonableness of our
contention, that the increase of licence fees, if
necessary, should be confined to such craft as
ply the harbour for hire, and we would ask that
the Ordinance be amended accordingly.—We
are, &c.

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SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

To the Colonial Secretary
Hongkong.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 20th May, 1908.

Gentlemen:-I am directed to acknowledge
the receipt of the letter dated the 20th ultmo,
signed by yourselves and certain other shipping
firms asking that the decision of the Govern-
ment to increase the Licence Fees for Lighters
that do not pay for hire, may be reconsidered.

2. I reply, I am to point out that in the past
no distinction has been made in the matter of
licence fees between cargo-boats that pay for
hire and lighters that do not; that the fees
now imposed are not considered excessive and
that the Government regret that it cannot see
its way to reduce them.—I am, &c.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 21st May, 1908.

Dear Sirs,—With reference to our letter to
the Colonial Secretary of the 1st May, we have
now to enclose for your information copy of
his reply to same, dated 20th instant, which
cannot be regarded as satisfactory. We think
that copies of correspondence might, with
advantage, be laid before the local Chamber of
Commerce, but before taking these steps we
await an expression of your views.—We
are, &c.

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Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. [692]

NAVY CONTRACT.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY of
MISCELLANEOUS - MATERIALS

(Firewood, Lime White, Charcoal, &c.), from
the 1st August, 1908, to H.M. Dockyard;

Hongkong, and should be returned
not later than Noon on 27th July, 1908.

A Deposit of One Hundred Dollars (100)
will be required when applying for tender
forms. This will be returned if the tender is
declined.

The lowest or any Tender not necessarily
accepted and the right is reserved of accepting
any portion of a tender.

Hongkong, 22nd July, 1908. [692]

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S DEPART-
MENT.

No. 492.

With reference to Government Notifica-
tion No. 837 of 9th December, 1907,

which is hereby cancelled, it is notified that
on and after the 1st January, 1909, the Fees
(payable monthly) at Queen's College, will be
as under:-

Classes I, II and III \$4 per annum.

Classes IV, V and VI \$2 per annum.

F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th July, 1908. [683]

LEE YEE
HAIR DRESSING SALOON.

HAS ALWAYS ON HAND

CIGARS, CIGARETTES

AND

TOILET REQUISITES

FOR SALE.

12, D'AGUILAR STREET,

HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 1st September, 1908. [691]

sider the new fees altogether excessive for the
private craft in question, with their limited
usefulness, and we are unable to recognise
any reason for the increased charge suddenly
brought into force.—We are, etc.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

Hongkong, 22d May, 1908.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—In reply to your favour of yes-
terday's date handing copy of letter addressed

to your good selves, we approve of placing

copies of the correspondence on this subject

before the local Chamber of Commerce.—We
are, etc.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.

Peninsular & Oriental Steam Navigation Co.,
Hongkong, 22d May, 1908.

Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd.

Dear Sirs,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt

of your letter of the 21st instant enclosing copy

of the Government's reply to our letter of the

31st ultmo.

It appears to me that the answer given by

the Government is practically no reply to our

petition.

Because no distinction has been made in the

past between Cargo Boats that pay for hire

and those that do not, it would appear that a

fine has arrived when some distinction might

be considered necessary on taxes being in-

creased one hundred fold.

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when the State takes over a railway it is equivalent to the public becoming proprietors, but it may be that the reference is solely to monopoly. This would appear to be the case from the tenor of a remark made by one of the vernacular papers to the effect that the Government prevented foreign capital from being introduced into the Empire by its predisposition to monopolise private businesses, with the result that the financial depression was made more acute. The same paper urged business men who had been elected as members of the House of Representatives, to press the Government to comply with the public desire. "At any rate," continues our contemporary, "everything tends to indicate that the slow progress of the restoration of normal financial conditions, despite another excess of imports over exports in the first ten days of the present month, reveals incompetence on the part of the Government. Regardless of the depression, a number of companies have been able to propose dividends at the rate of 10 or 10 or even 10 per cent. per annum. The daily revenue of the railways, the amounts of the deposits in the banks and postal savings banks are increasing, whilst the price of commodities shows a tendency to decline." There is surely something anomalous in such a condition of things. The Government is at its wits' end to raise sufficient revenue to meet the interest on foreign loans and at the same time to provide for the national services, and it seems impossible to increase the already high taxation without crippling trade. Yet the revenue of the railways is increasing and the sums at the credit of depositors in the savings banks is growing, while the price of food-stuffs is decreasing. One of the first signs that a country is financially stricken and that the burden of taxation is weighing down the people is found in wholesale withdrawals from the savings banks which are patronised by those who have only small sums to invest. In Japan the very opposite seems to be the rule. When money is tight and people are without means they usually desist from travelling, preferring to carry on their negotiations through the medium of the post-office, thereby saving the cost of the fares and permitting them to keep a personal grip of their business. Not so in Japan apparently. The reduction in the price of commodities may be due to a variety of reasons. It is possible that merchants are selling off their goods at a minimum cost in order to obtain ready money, while native dealers are content with smaller profits for their products owing to the general scarcity of liquid cash. But from whatever standpoint the subject is viewed it is perplexing. Referring to Kobe in particular, our contemporary states that: "At the end of the first half of the year, the Banks were still too timid to make new advances. They were content to make further advances on securities in their possession. At the same time, owing to the relief of the sufferers from the recent disastrous floods in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The cheque has been handed to the Prefect of Canton for transmission to the Charitable Guilds to whom the distribution of organised relief has been entrusted."

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RAINSTORM IN HONGKONG.

LANDSLIDE IN BATTERY PATH.

As the result of the tremendous and incessant rainfall which has prevailed in Hongkong for nearly a week, the city in many parts is practically knee-deep in water. There is scarcely a single thoroughfare in which the drains have not burst through the manholes while the tubulars are overflown in every direction. Many of the watercourses have burst outright of the pressure. This afternoon a huge landslide occurred in Battery Path, completely blocking the roadway. The streams of water from the higher level had evidently percolated through the loam strata and in consequence the roots of several of the large trees overhanging Battery Path were undermined and ultimately fell with a crash on the roadway. Fortunately, it does not appear that anyone was injured as a result of the accident. In other parts of the city minor landslides have followed the persistent downpour, which up to the present shows no signs of cessation. With regard to Battery Path residents from the Peak were put to great inconvenience in reaching the city. The chain had to take long round-about routes, which added to the discomfort of the journey, especially as a strong driving wind swept the rain through the curtains.

A number of private gardens, especially in the upper levels, were inundated. In Queen's Road, where the drains were unable to carry the huge volume of water, the street was rendered impassable to pedestrians during the remainder of the heavy rain. In places roads have been several inches under water. Through a number of the retarding walls on Caine and Robinson Roads, as well as on Copland, Bowen and Macdonell Roads, the water spouted like little fountains. Down the flights of stone steps at the junction of Shelley and Peel Streets with Caine Road, the water rushed down in explosive sheets. The incline from "Fairview" to Robinson Road presented a picturesque sight as did also "Glencaly" ravines where the water formed miniature cascades. The surface of the roads unprotected by concrete has been washed away in several places, and little trenches have been formed along the side channels which will require the attention of the Public Works Department.

on the question of the rehabilitation of Japan's finances. It was held that the existing commercial depression is due rather to the Government's mismanagement of the finances than to purely economic causes, and resolutions were passed to the following effect:—

At present the principal of the national loans is being repaid at the rate of £17,000,000 annually out of the sinking funds. The amount repaid annually should be increased by about £20,000,000, and the sinking fund accounts should be made public. An extension of the railway is essential, but in the first instance the existing lines should be improved, in order to make them perfect communication agents. A careful investigation should be made with regard to the coming tariff revision. An independent Customs account should be established. That does not seem to carry the matter much farther, but it shows how anxious the country as a whole is to reach a position of financial security.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

* * * REUTER'S telegrams, Canton notes, criminal sessions and a report of yesterday's water polo match are printed on the seventh page.

SEVERAL shops along the Fa Yuen East and Jardine's Bazaar were flooded inches deep this afternoon, the result of the heavy rain.

A huge rock, becoming loosened by the rain this morning, crashed down from the hillside above Bowen Road to-day. No damage was done.

WHETHER we have to thank the heavy rains of the past week for the cleansing of the city and the consequent decrease in the return of communicable diseases or not, it is satisfactory to note that for the second time within a few days no fresh case of plague was recorded by the Sanitary Department as having occurred during the last 24 hours.

THE WEST RIVER FLOODS.**VICKROY THANKS HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.**

At a meeting of the Legislative Council this afternoon,

His Excellency, the Governor, said:—A few days ago this Council voted a sum of \$10,000 for the relief of the distress in South China. That sum was duly forwarded through the Consul-General to the Governor-General of the two Kwang Provinces, and I have just received an acknowledgement from the Consul-General to the dispatch with which it was sent. I will read it to you:

"With reference to my despatch No. 104 of the 15th, I have now the honour to enclose copy of despatch which I have received from the Viceroy in which His Excellency requests me to convey to your Excellency his deep sense of gratitude for the munificent donation voted by the Hongkong Legislative Council at your Excellency's instance from the revenue of the Colony as a contribution towards the relief of the sufferers from the recent disastrous floods in Kwangtung and Kwangsi. The cheque has been handed to the Prefect of Canton for transmission to the Charitable Guilds to whom the distribution of organised relief has been entrusted."

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LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Legislative Council was held in the Council Chamber this afternoon. Present—His Excellency the Governor, Sir Frederick Lugard, K.C.M.O., Hon. Mr. F. H. May, C.M.G., (Colonial Secretary), Hon. Mr. L. A. M. Johnston (Colonial Treasurer), Hon. Capt. Basil R. H. Taylor, R.N. (Harbour Master), Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Registrar General), Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, M.B., C.M.O., Hon. Sir Henry Boakeley, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Hon. Mr. Wei Yuk, C.M.O., Hon. Mr. Murray Stewart, and Mr. C. Clementi (Clerk of Councils).

ABSENT.

His Excellency Major-General Broadwood, C.I.D.

Hon. Mr. W. Ree Davies (Attorney General), Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, C.M.O. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. H. A. W. Slade.

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

FINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table the report of the Finance Committee (No. 2).

PAPERS.

The Colonial Secretary, by direction of the Governor, laid on the table the following papers:—

Report of the Inspector of Schools for the year 1907. Reports on the health and sanitary condition of the Colony of Hongkong, for the year 1907. Correspondence relating to the West River floods.

FINANCIAL MINUTES.

The Colonial Secretary laid on the table Financial Minutes Nos. 33 to 40. It was agreed that they be referred to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Pollock said he wished to draw attention to the fact that a vote was sent to hon. members only two days ago referring to votes 33 to 36 only. Now on coming to the Council they found 36 struck out and 30 substituted, and they found among the extra Financial Minutes a minute involving a very large amount indeed, namely, a proposed vote of \$17,000,000 in aid of the vote Public Works Extraordinary, Mongkokki Breakwater—typhoon refuge for small craft. He did not think that a vote of that magnitude should be suddenly sprung upon the Council at the last moment, a vote which was not included in any way in the notice which was sent out. He did not think therefore that they ought to be asked to pass the vote at that meeting.

The Colonial Secretary said the hon. members seemed to be under a misapprehension. It was not intended to ask the Council to vote the sum this afternoon; it was only proposed to refer it to the Finance Committee where he would have much pleasure in giving the hon. member and other hon. members every information on the subject. He regretted that the minute did not appear on the orders of the day. The object in putting it forward was that the Council might have the earliest possible information of the liability the Government had incurred.

His Excellency the Governor remarked that no doubt Mr. Pollock would be satisfied with the explanation which the Colonial Secretary had made. This was always a *pro forma* vote and they were anxious that it should come up now, so that full consideration should be given to the vote. The session was rapidly drawing to a close and it was desirable that this question should be settled as soon as possible. Any objections or questions which hon. members might desire would be given to committee when the vote could be deferred if necessary. The matter then dropped.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Mr. H. A. Pollock, pursuant to notice, asked the following question:—With reference to the statement in paragraph 5 of the despatch of the Officer Administering the Government to the Secretary of State, dated the 24th June, 1907, to the effect that "the great majority of the contributors, and all the directors, except the chairman, were opposed to the transfer of the Fund" will the Government state whether any, and, if so, how many of the contributors, who were then opposed to the transfer of the Fund, have given notice to the Government of any alteration of their views on the subject?

The Colonial Secretary replied: There are 610 subscribers on the lists, all except pensioners and the Shanghai Post Office Staff, officers in our outstations, and those on leave have been asked to express their views. Returns are in most cases complete. Four hundred and six have either expressed their approval or stated they had no objection to its transfer. Thirty-seven have objected. It is impossible to say how many of those now in favour opposed it before. It is probable that all have altered their views. Thus it will be seen that 167 have given no opinion. If they all opposed there would still be a majority in favour of the Government's proposal.

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He did not consider it necessary to put my question to the Colonial Secretary.

KIVDICK ORDINANCE.

The Colonial Secretary moved the first reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to amend The Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Ordinance.

The Colonial Treasurer seconded, and the Bill was read a first time.

Mr. and Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Limited, London Wall, London, the printers of the said volume shall be deemed to have been appointed the Government printers of the said revised volume of Ordinances within the meaning of The Evidence (Colonial Statutes) Ordinance, 1907.

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' BILL.

The Colonial Secretary, in moving the second reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the Transfer to the Government of the Pensions Fund and of the Management and Control of the Pensions of Widows' and Orphans and to consolidate the laws in relation thereto, said:—The correspondence that has been laid on the table shows the reasons for the proposals of Government embodied in this Ordinance, which is in effect that in return for the contributions of contributors to the Widows' and Orphans' Fund, constituting a 5% deduction from their salaries, the Government should take over the Fund and guarantee the payment of the pensions thereunder which are calculated on the basis of 6% compound interest upon the monies in the Fund. The object for which the Widows' and Orphans' Pension Fund was instituted in 1891 was to oblige officers of this Government to make provision for the widows and orphans, since the pensions which officers can earn under the rules of the Colonial Service are payable to officers only and not to their widows and children. The necessity for such a fund was demonstrated in this Colony in the years prior to 1891, when application to Government and, indeed, to the Public of this Colony for charitable relief of the widows and orphans of deceased officers was very frequent occurrence. Officers, who joined the Service prior to the institution of the fund, had the option of joining it. Officers, who joined after 1891, were obliged to join as a condition precedent to their appointment. Now it will be asked why does the Government wish to take over the fund? The answer is that the object of the Government is primarily benevolent. It is very desirable that the solvency of the fund should be assured.

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of the fund and which was signed by members of the Council. It was not captious criticism which described this change of attitude as a remarkable conversion. They now learned that the majority was in favour of the proposals which a year ago were regarded as inequitable. If the majority were in favour of the scheme on what ground could it be opposed? He proposed that the matter be postponed. In his Riga's letter of January 19, 1907, he stated that it was desirable that contributors should not feel that they had a grievance. Personally he would add—not even a minority of the contributors. Mr. Stewart discussed the correspondence at some length and remarked that if the scheme was advantageous to the civil servants it might be otherwise to the taxpayers. The Hongkong public should know exactly what liability they were likely to incur by taking over the pension funds. He could not realize the necessity for hasty and moved that the second reading be postponed.

Mr. Pollock supported the proposal for postponement.

The Colonial Secretary, in a very lengthy reply, recapitulated the arguments used in his opening speech.

His Excellency the Governor, remarking on Mr. Stewart's speech, observed that it was desirable that the conditions of the Civil Service in Hongkong should be brought into uniformity with those of other colonies.

The second reading was passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT.

The Council then adjourned till Thursday next.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee was held immediately after the meeting of Council. The Colonial Secretary presiding. It was agreed to recommend that the following votes be adopted by the Council:

LIGHTHOUSES.

A sum of four thousand six hundred and seventy dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works, Recurrent, Maintenance of Lighthouses.

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

A sum of three hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Colonial Secretary's Department and Legislature, Other Charges, incidental expenses.

QUARANTINE STATION.

A sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Quarantine Station.

COMPENSATION.

A sum of fifteen thousand dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works, Extraordinary, Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 compensation.

THE "HYGEIA."

A sum of five hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Medical Department, B—Hospital and Asylums, Infectious Hospitals, Hospital Hulk Hygeia, for the following items:

Personal Emboluments.

Temporary Staff \$200
Other Charges 300
Total \$500

FORESTRY.

A sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the vote, Botanical and Forestry Department, Other Charges, Forestry in New Territories.

TAI PO.

The Governor recommends the Council to vote a sum of two thousand dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Staff Quarters, Tai Po.

TYPHON REFUGEE.

A sum of one hundred and eight-six thousand five hundred dollars in aid of the vote, Public Works Extraordinary, Mongkokensi "Breakwater"—Typhoon Refuge for Small Craft.

This was all the business.

\$1,000 VANISHED.

RESPECTABLE LO-KING CHIN MAN, ACCUSED OF FORGERY.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp, presiding in the Police Court, this afternoon, a respectable-looking young Chinaman named Chan Kai, alias Cheung Kam Fung, about twenty-two years of age, unemployed, was indicted on three counts of forging a promissory note, by which means he is alleged to have obtained the sum of \$1,000 from a merchant in Wing Lok Street.

The accused denied the charges. According to the prosecution defendant was supposed to have visited a certain merchant in Wing Lok Street on the 14th April last, and, representing himself as being an employee in Meisita, Tangku and Company, a French firm carrying on business at 17, Queen's Road Central, stated that the compradore—a man named Kwok Mo Hoi—wanted a loan of \$1,000. The merchant said he would consider the matter, and asked defendant to return in a few days. When defendant called again two days later, the merchant intimated that he had agreed to make the loan. Defendant, it was asserted, took him to Meisita, Tangku and Company's premises, and introduced the merchant to a man purporting to be Kwok Mo Hoi.

The money was handed over, and a promissory note, signed by defendant and the alleged Kwok Mo Hoi, given. Some time later, having his suspicions aroused as to the genuineness of the transaction, he called at the office of Meisita, Tangku, and asked to see Kwok Mo Hoi. On this occasion the real Kwok Mo Hoi was present, and he said so. The merchant did not believe him, and described the Kwok Mo Hoi to whom he had given the loan. Then the fraud came out. The police were informed and a search for the two men allowed, without result. Last month, however, the merchant met defendant in the street, and handed him over to the police. The other man with the pseudonym is believed to be somewhere in Canton.

Evidence was taken, and the case further adjourned.

Mr. G. E. Morris, of Messrs. Goldring, Tarlow and Morell, appears for the prosecution, and Mr. R. Sargent, of Messrs. Wilkinson and Clark, for the defence.

West River Floods.

EARLIEST ACCOUNT CORROBORATED.

OFFICIAL REPORT OF DISTRESS AND DAMAGE.

The following correspondence relating to the West River Floods was laid before the Legislative Council by command of His Excellency the Governor, at the meeting this afternoon:

H. B. M. Consulate-General, Canton, July 2d, 1908.

Sir,—In reply to Your Excellency's despatch No. 110 of June 26th, which reached me on the 10th ultimo, I have the honour to state that I am not at present in a position to afford you any authoritative information concerning the floods and consequent famine in the valleys of the West and North Rivers.

The Governor-General, to whom I have applied for particulars of the areas inundated, the number of people rendered destitute by the floods and the extent of the damage done to the crops, has not as yet sent me any reply. He has, I understand, called for reports from the local officials in the districts affected.

At a recent meeting of British and American missionaries in Canton, a committee was formed who have made arrangements to send three parties, consisting each of one foreign missionary and several native pastors, up the West, North and East Rivers, respectively, with instructions to investigate the conditions prevailing in those districts. I have been promised a copy of their report, which is expected in about three weeks time.

I have requested His Majesty's Consul at Wuchow to furnish me with a report on the state of affairs in the West River valley above Wuchow.

I shall not fail to transmit to Your Excellency all the information I am able to obtain from the above mentioned sources—I have, &c.,

HARRY H. FOX,
Acting Consul-General.
His Excellency, Sir F. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., &c., &c., &c.

H. B. M. Consulate-General, Canton, July 2d, 1908.

Sir,—In continuation of my despatch No. 94 of to-day's date, I have the honour to enclose, for Your Excellency's perusal, copy of a letter just received from Tsoai Wei Tsung Yao, secretary to the Governor-General, together with a list in Chinese of the flooded districts in the West and North River valleys,—I have, &c.,

HARRY H. FOX,
Acting Consul-General.
His Excellency, Sir F. D. Lugard, K.C.M.G., C.B., D.S.O., &c., &c., &c.

Viceroy's Yamen, Canton, 2d July, 1908.

Dear Mr. Fox,—As directed by you in your letter of the 30th ultimo, I send you herewith a list of the flooded districts in the West and North River valleys, as reported to the Viceroy by the local magistrate and the deputies sent out by His Excellency to investigate the condition of the flooded districts.

All the crops in these districts have been completely destroyed, and about a million people are in a destitute condition which will last until the next crop comes round again about four months from now.

The Canton Government has sent a deputy with money and provisions to each of the flooded districts to co-operate with the local magistrate to give the sufferers as much relief as possible.

The charitable institutions are also very busy with their relief work. They have sent agents with provisions to all the flooded districts.—Yours sincerely,

(Signed), WEN TSUNG YAO,
His Honour, Consul-General Fox.

LIST OF FLOODED DISTRICTS IN THE KWANGTUNG PROVINCE.

NAM HOI DISTRICT.
Name of District. Name of Embankment. Size of Breach.

Kong Po Sub-district. Kan Tz Wai. Over 100 ft.

Do. Ram Sha Wai. Do.

Wong Ting Wai. Over 200 ft. and another 500 ft.

Dr. Pak Muk Long. Over 100 ft.

Dr. Fa Kong Wai. Over 100 ft.

Do. Shek Tz Tzai. Do.

Ng Tau Sub-district. Pao Long Wai. Do.

Do. Sha Kong Wai. Do.

Do. Ng A Hol Wai. Over 40 ft.

Do. Fu Li Wai. About 10 ft.

Kam Li Sub-district. Ho Long Wai. Unknown

Do. Tong Ha Chung Wai. Do.

Do. Man Kau Wai. Do.

Kau Kong Sub-district. Tong Chun Wai. Do.

SAI SHUI DISTRICT.

Name of Embankment. Size of Breach.

Fui Kong Wai. Over 40 ft.

Ku Cho Wai. Over 600 ft. in 2 places.

Shai Tau Wai. — Over ten places burst & about 10 houses collapsed.

San Chue Wai. Over 200 ft.

Shai Pan Wai. Over 100 ft.

Wong Kung Wai. Over 800 ft. in 3 places.

Kau Chung Wai. Over 100 ft.

Wing Fung Wai. Over 100 ft. houses collapsed.

Ohng Tong Wai. Over 300 ft. houses collapsed.

Tsung Chau Wai. Over 100 ft.

Lok Tong Wai. Over 500 ft.

A Cheuk Wai. Over 500 ft.

CHING YUN DISTRICT.

Name of Embankment. Size of Breach.

Tai Yau Liu Ki. 200 ft.

Tseng Chun Po Ki. 400 ft.

Tat Sing Kong Ki. 700 ft.

Sam Kok Ki. 500 ft.

Lan Shui Ki. 300 ft.

Man Tap Ki. 400 ft.

Ching Kung Hau Ki. 600 ft.

Kong Tau Ki. 450 ft.

Chik Kong Ki. 150 ft.

Kam Ting Ki. 720 ft. 6 ft. fl.

470 ft. & 600 ft. 4 places.

Sha Shan Po Shui Ki. 40 ft.

Wan Tau Ki. 7 ft. & 170 ft.

Sha Ki Wan Ki. 200 ft.

Shan Ki Wan Ki. 40 ft.

Wu Tau Wat Ki. 120 ft.

Wui Ki Huang Ki. 300 ft. & 200 ft.

Wui Ki Ha Ki. 430 ft. 200 ft. & 150 ft.

Kai Pai Ki. 220 ft. & 30 ft.

FA YUN DISTRICT.

Pak Nai Village. —

Chik Nai Do. —

Kwok Tai Do. —

Tan Po Do. —

Ng Wo Do. —

Ng Chua Do. —

Shiu Mai Do. —

Wong Ki Shui Village. —

Ma Po An Village. —

Shao Kai Do. —

KO VIU DISTRICT.

Name of Embankment. Remarks.

To Kai Wai. Out of 12 houses 3

wide 12 ft. high. —

Ngo Tong Wai. Over 40 ft. wide by 10 ft. high. —

Heung Shan Wai. Over 180 ft. by 20 ft. high. —

Over 160 ft. by 17 ft. high. —

Over 100 ft. by 10 ft. —

First breach at Pung Tong Wai. 120 ft. by 20 ft. —

Second at Tsai Yung Kok. 8 ft. by 18 ft. —

First breach at Luk Tong Wai. 130 ft. by 23 ft. —

Later ones at Tai Tam. 150 ft. by 15 ft. —

130 ft. by 18 ft. —

Both breaches at Chik Ting Wai. 100 ft. by 16 ft. —

110 ft. by 18 ft. —

Pak Shek Wai. 90 ft. by 10 ft. —

Saved by prompt action although partially inundated.

All houses adjacent to the above embankments with the exception of the last one have been destroyed.

KUK KONG DISTRICT.

The City of Shiu Chau Fu. —

YING TAK DISTRICT.

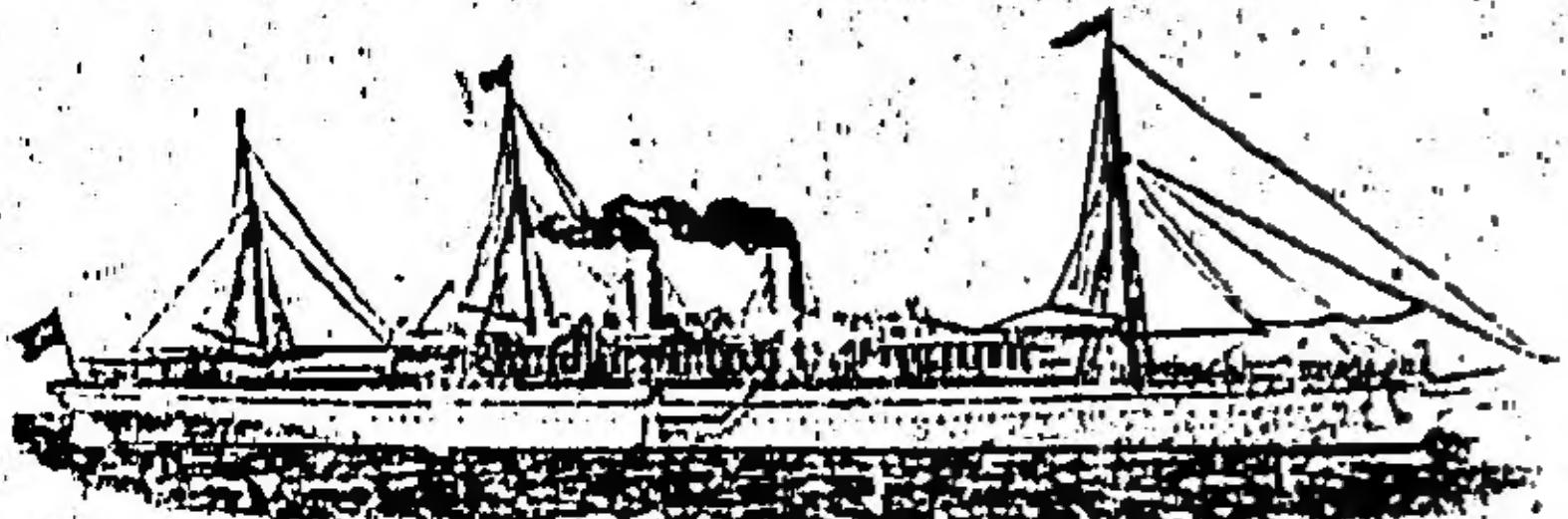
All that part of the district under the direct supervision of the Magistrate and the Kwong Hau Sub-districts are entirely flooded.

HOK SHAN DISTRICT.

Name of Embankment. Size of Breach.

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| SGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA | LAISANG | THURSDAY, 30th July, Nopo. |
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| CEBU & ILOILO | " KAIFONG | 29th 10 A.M. |
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CHINESE EMPEROR ILL.

DAILY CONSULTATIONS WITH PHYSICIANS.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, 23rd July.
3.15 p.m.

There are persistent rumours in mandarin circles concerning Emperor Kwang Su's health, which necessitates daily consultations with physicians.

[Continued.]

Obituary.

LONDON, 22nd July.
The death of Bad Naueheim, Germany, of Admiral Rudolf von der Tann, from heart trouble, the result of wounds received at the battle of Tsushima, is announced.

Old Age Pensions:

The Old Age Pensions Bill has passed the second reading in the House of Lords by 123 to 16.

The New York-Paris Motor Race.
The German car, which is leading in the New York to Paris motor race, has arrived at St. Petersburg.

Baron Komura.

21st July.

Baron Komura starts on his return journey to Japan on the 27th instant.

He travels via Siberia.

New Zealand and the American Fleet.

Speaking at Wellington, New Zealand, the Premier, the Rt. Hon. Sir J. G. Ward; K. C. M. G., said that the coming of the American fleet to Australia was not that of a foreign country, but of a nation, kith and kin with the Anglo-Saxon race. It may be that some day there would be a fight to decide whether the Whites or Orientals should govern Australia and the Pacific islands, and the American fleet would then shoulder to shoulder with the Old World.

Macedonia.

Murderous assaults on Turkish officers, supposedly by adherents of the "Young Turkey" party among subalterns, continue in Macedonia.

A lieutenant-colonel has been murdered at Seres, another at Dilire, and a lieutenant-colonel wounded at Salonika.

CANTON DAY BY DAY.

HONGKONG CHINESE IN CANTON.

[From Our Own Correspondent.]

Canton, 23rd July.

Messrs. Fung Wa Chup, Li Cho Chou and six others, representatives of the Chinese community at Hongkong, arrived here this morning and were received by Mr. Kong Siu Chuen. A meeting will be held to-day for the purpose of making arrangements with the kind co-operation of the Hongkong gentlemen for the carrying out of the Flood Fund Bazaar. The meeting will most likely, at the same time, consider the project for restoring the broken dykes in the flooded districts. Mr. Fung Wa Chup will probably preside at this meeting.

FLOOD RELIEF LOAN.

In compliance with the request of the Canton gentry, the Viceroy has again sanctioned the appropriation of 100,000 taels as a loan from the Shao Hou Chu to meet the present immediate requirements for the relief of the sufferers.

FANTAN MONOPOLY TO SUBSCRIBE.

The fantan gambling monopolists have been directed by the Shan Hou Chu officials to subscribe liberally towards the flood relief funds.

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURE.

It was ascertained at the meeting held yesterday of the Central Relief Committee, that the total amount of contributions received up to yesterday towards the relief funds was \$267,500, of which \$13,800 were received from Hongkong, \$7,300 from Macao, and the rest from local subscribers and contributors abroad; a sum of \$10,000 promised by different individuals has not yet been paid. The expenditure up to the same date was \$118,900. The Kwangchow Prefect, Chan, who was present at the above meeting, had a conference with the Committee; he insisted on the extension of the date for the cheap distribution of rice to the end of the sixth moon. He informed the Committee that authority has been obtained from the Viceroy to appropriate 20,000 taels from the Government Treasury for the maintenance of the continuance of the cheap rice sales.

WOMEN'S MEETING CONVENED.

A meeting of women has been convened to take place to-day at the Hackett Medical College in connection with the organisation of the Flood Fund Bazaar at Canton.

CANTON-SAMHWU RAILWAY.

Repairs to the Canton-Samhwu railway have now been completed and this line is again in good working order. Service was resumed yesterday as usual through the line from Shantou to Samhwu.

ALLIED FORGERY.

SOME CURIOUS STATEMENTS BY A WITNESS.

Adjourned from yesterday, the hearing was continued in the Supreme Court, this morning, of the charge against the two men—Tong Nam and Ng Chun—accountant and runner, respectively, of the Shiu Shing money-changer's shop, who are being detained on suspicion of having altered a \$5 banknote so as to make it represent \$10.

The examination of the leading witness for the prosecution, Tsui Hing, a cook in the Fung Chuk Mei firm, who accompanied the prosecutor, Yung Po, to cash the draft for \$700, and who was alleged to have received the forged banknote from the defendants' shop, closed yesterday afternoon. When the case was resumed this morning, Mr. Slade, for the defence, took the witness in hand and first question after question at him with great rapidity. And as each question ran home it was evident that the witness did not like the role. Under cross-examination he said that there were only two men employed by the Fuk Chung Mei firm. He had been in Hongkong four years. He could not speak the Cantonese dialect very well, but he understood it thoroughly. At the Police Court he gave evidence in the Fukien dialect, but at the Supreme Court his evidence was given in Cantonese. The prosecutor was called Yung Po. He could not remember his name when he first met him, although he had known him ten years. Prosecutor was in the Colony sometime in May. During his four days' stay in the Colony he only called at witness's shop. When witness was taken to the police station he could not give the name of the prosecutor or. He knew his surname, but had forgotten his other name. He told the inspector that he had not seen prosecutor for ten years, the reason for forgetting the name.

Mr. Slade—Was that not untrue? Hadn't you seen him a month previously?

Witness—What I meant was that I had not met him for ten years in my province.

You also said he had never been in Hongkong before?—Yes.

Was not that also untrue?—No.

Hadn't the prosecutor been in Hongkong before he went to Canton to dispose of the cargo of salt?—Yes.

And did he not return to cash a draft?—Yes.

And you say when you were arrested that prosecutor had never been in Hongkong before?—I mean, before he came to cash the draft.

How do you account for the fact that you and the prosecutor, said he (the latter) had never been in Hongkong before?—Not before this visit.

I put it to you that you and the prosecutor are in concert to make people believe that prosecutor was a stranger in the Colony? He had never been in the Colony prior to this visit.

You said at the Police Court that you were not accustomed to handling banknotes?—Yes.

And that you could not tell the difference between a \$10 and a \$5 bill?—Yes.

Did you hear what your master said in the Police Court?—Yes.

He said that you were in the habit of taking banknotes too and fro for the firm?—Yes.

And that you were in the habit of counting notes for him?—No.

You are accustomed to handling banknotes are you not?—No. My master counted them and then gave them to deliver.

Who was responsible for the counting of banknotes during your master's absence from the shop?—Well, I had too. I made out the amount of a bill by the Chinese characters.

When you and your master were away who looked after the business?—A younger.

What? I thought you said you and the master were the only people in the firm?—That is so. The younger belongs to another shop.

You said that during Yung Po's absence in Canton a letter and a telegram arrived for him? Why didn't you hand them over to him immediately he arrived?—I forgot.

You are a Fukien man?—Yes.

And you know that Fukien has its own mint?—I don't know.

And you know Fukien has its own coins?—Yes. But there are Kwangtung coins in use, too.

Are there not more Fukien coins in circulation?—There are more Kwangtung coins in that province than Fukien coins.

"Very curious!" exclaimed Mr. Slade.

Are there any Fukien coins in Hongkong?—None.

In Fukien, are not the Fukien, Canton, Hupeh, Hunan and Kiangnan coins in circulation?—No. These are very scarce.

When you were changing the \$7 to why did you not ask if there were any Fukien coins?—In Fukien everybody use Cantonese coins.

You said yesterday that when the forged note was detected at the Yau Kee firm you replaced the forged note among the other bills?—Yes.

When you were in the Court below you said you never placed the forged note with the others, but carried it separately?—I did not say that.

Well, I put it to you that you have altered your evidence here to-day in order to make it correspond with that of your master?—I did not.

Mr. Slade (to the Court)—If he sticks to that statement I will have to put the depositions in.

When you took the forged note back to the Shiu Shing you asked for it to be changed for subsidiary coins?—I did not. I asked for the note to be changed as it was forged, and I got it from them.

When you arrived at the Shiu Shing did you have the forged bill in your loose hand?—No, it was wrapped up.

For the sake of safety?—Yes.

How far away was the last money-changer to the Shiu Shing?—Two doors away.

It was so dangerous to walk that distance a door and a half away, that you had to wrap up the bill?—I did it for the sake of safety.

When you showed the Shiu Shing the forged banknote weren't you accused of forging it?—No.

Then why was it you were arrested?—I don't know.

Didn't the Shiu Shing people show the constable a genuine \$100 Chartered Bank note?—No.

And they didn't tell the *tsing* your note was a forgery?—No!

Then who said it was a false note?—They said nothing of a false note. I said it was a forgery.

Somehow or another you were taken into custody?—Yes.

Was your master there when you were arrested?—No.

Where was he?—He went to fetch Yang Po.

I put it to you that when you were arrested your master bolted as fast as he could?—No.

Yang Po would have been very useful in the matter considering he could not speak Cantonese?—The note was his property.

The hearing was further adjourned.

HONGKONG WATER POLO SHIELD COMPETITION.

THIRD ROUND.

In spite of the very bad weather prevailing yesterday afternoon, a large gathering of people filled the Victoria Recreation Club's enclosure to witness three matches in the above competition, between the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and 88th Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery, Royal Engineers and Corinthian Yacht Club, and Victoria Recreation Club and 83rd Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery.

The second match between the Engineers and the Corinthians created the most interest, as many anticipated a draw, and though the game ultimately ended in a victory for the latter team, the Engineers must also be credited with playing a very good game throughout.

The Royal Hongkong Yacht Club and 88th Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery played the first match, which proved to be more interesting than many expected. In the first half of the game play was very even and both the Royals and Artillery had opportunities to score, but the latter were a bit weak in handling the ball and missed several nice chances, whilst the Yacht Club scored 4 goals in this half. In the second spell the Royals netted 3 more goals to their credit—the Military men again had several opportunities to score which they never availed of, and the game ended in a win for the Royal-Hongkong Yacht Club by 7 goals to nil.

The match of the day between the Corinthian Yacht Club and Royal Engineers was witnessed with very keen interest. The former got the ball at the commencement of play but could do nothing for some time, as the Engineers were marking their men very carefully. However, in a bit of a scrimmage in front of goal R. Witchell netted. The second goal for the Corinthians was netted just before half-time the ball being passed by the Engineers' goal-keeper to Cooke (of the Corinthians) by mistake. The latter however had very little difficulty in swinging round to shoot.

The second half saw the Engineers put fresh vigour into the game and, before long Corporal Grandy scored when in a very difficult position. Matters now began to look a bit doubtful, but Witchell, who was playing a sound game, scored again. A few more tries were made by the Corinthians which might have proved successful, but it had not for the splendid goal-keeping of Sapper Carr, who saved many difficult shots and received the applause he deserved. The last goal was netted by R. Witchell who swam right in front of his opponents' goal.

The game ended in a win for the Corinthian Yacht Club by 4 goals to 1.

C. V. C.—R. C. Witchell, C. J. Cooke, E. Humphrey, G. Humphreys, G. Witchell, O. R. Chuny and Forbes, Royal Engineers—Sappers Grandy, Morris, Carr, Goffin, Vaughan, Bugler Gibson and Earwaker.

The last match of the day between the Victoria Recreation Club and 83rd Coy., Royal Garrison Artillery, ended in an easy win for the home team by 10 goals to nil, and was played in very bad light. The men in the second half shotted for lights (Candles, &c.).

The league table now stands as follows:—

| Placed. | Won. | Lost. | Drawn. | Total. |
|------------------|------|-------|--------|--------|
| V. R. C. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| C. V. C. | 3 | 3 | 0 | 6 |
| R. C. | 3 | 2 | 1 | 6 |
| H. K. Y. C. | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| H. M. S. ... | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 88th Coy. | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 |
| R. G. A. | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| 83rd Coy. | 3 | 0 | 3 | 6 |

2 points for a win,
1 point for a draw.

THIRD ROUND.

Tsui Hing vs 87th Coy., R.G.A. on Friday, 24th July, at 6 p.m.

FOURTH ROUND.

V. R. C. play Royal Engineers on Wednesday, 29th July, at 6 p.m. R.H.K.Y.C. play 83rd Coy., R.G.A. on Friday, 31st July, at 6 p.m.

THE WRATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg, Director of the Hongkong Observatory:—

On the 23rd at 10.5 p.m. the barometer has risen slightly over Japan and the E. coast of China, and falls moderately in Vladivostok. Pressure remains low over Central and Northern China. It is high over the Pacific to the E. of Japan.

Fresh monsoon may be expected in the Formosa Channel and the China Sea.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 4.37 inches.

FORECAST.

1. Hongkong and Neighbourhood, S.W. winds, fresh, equally, thunder-showers.

2. Formosa Channel, S. winds, fresh.

3. South coast of China between Hongkong and Lantau, same as No. 1.

4. South coast of China between Hongkong and Hainan, same as No. 1.

5. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

6. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

7. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

8. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

9. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

10. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

11. Fresh, strong, S.E. winds, thunder-showers.

SHARE QUOTATIONS.

Supplied by Messrs. B. S. KADOURIE & Co. Corrected to noon; later alterations given under "Commercial Intelligence," page 5.

| STOCKS. | NO. OF SHARES. | VALUE. | PAID UP. | POSITION AS PER LAST REPORT RESERVE. | AT WORKING ACCOUNT | LAST DIVIDEND. | APPROXIMATE OPENING QUOTATION, BASED ON LAST YEAR'S DIV. | CLOSING QUOTATION. |
|--|----------------|----------|----------|---|--|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| BANKS. | | | | | | | | |
| Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation | 12,000 | \$125 | \$125 | { \$1,000,000 \$13,000,000 \$20,000,000 | \$2,000,387 | Final of 1/- on old and 1.10/- on new shares for year ending 31.12.07 | 6 % | \$765 buyers London £80.10. |
| MARINE INSURANCES. | | | | | | | | |
| Ganton Insurance Office, Limited | 10,000 | \$250 | \$50 | { \$4,000 \$10,000 | \$10,323 | \$2 (London 3/6) for 1903 | ... | \$10 |
| North China Insurance Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$15 | \$5 | { \$1,560,000 \$19,000 \$40,000 \$15,000 \$10,000 | none | \$20 or 10.6 | 9 1/2 | \$222 |
| Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited | 12,400 | \$250 | \$100 | { \$1,000,000 \$20,000 \$30,000 \$10,000 | Tls. 204,424 | Interim of 7/6 ex 2/5 for 1907 | 6 % | Tls. 771 |
| Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited | 12,000 | \$100 | \$60 | { \$1,000,000 \$20,000 \$30,000 \$10,000 | \$2 506,011 | Final of \$1/- making \$45 for 10.6 and Interim of 2/5 in 1907 | 5 1/2 % | \$790 sellers |
| FIRE INSURANCES. | | | | | | | | |
| China Fire Insurance Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$100 | \$10 | { \$1,000,000 \$10,000 \$15,000 \$15,000 | \$172,432 | \$6 and bonus \$2 for 1906 | 8 1/2 % | \$91 buyers |
| Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited | 8,000 | \$250 | \$10 | { \$1,000,000 \$15,000 \$15,000 | \$128,077 | \$27 for 1906 | 8 1/2 % | \$135 buyers |
| SHIPPING. | | | | | | | | |
| China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$25 | \$25 | { \$7,000 \$26,638 \$66,988 | \$1,035 | \$1 for 1906 | ... | \$15 |
| Douglas Steamship Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$50 | \$50 | { \$10,000 \$15,000 \$15,000 | NIL | \$4 for year ending 30.5.1907 | 10 1/2 % | \$38 |
| Hongkong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd. | 80,000 | \$15 | \$15 | { \$1,000,000 \$25,279 \$20,000 \$60,000 | 16,437 | { \$1/- for 2nd half-year making in all \$2/- for year ending 31.12.07 | 7 1/2 % | \$29 |
| Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd. (Preferred) Do. do. (Deferred) | 60,000 | \$5 | \$5 | { \$1,000,000 \$270,000 | 43,694 | 5/- for 1906 @ ex 2/2 = \$1.24 per share | 3 1/2 % | { \$4 buyers \$20 buyers |
| Shanghai Tug and Lighter Company, Limited Do. (Preference) | 100,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | { \$1,000,000 \$271,370 | Tls. 14,510 | Final of Tls. 1/- making Tls. 3/- for 1907 | 7 1/2 % | { \$14,451 buyers Tls. 52 buyers |
| "Shell" Transport and Trading Company, Limited | 2,000,000 | \$1 | \$1 | { \$1,000,000 \$50,000 | \$98 | Second Interim of 1/- (Coupon No. 9 for 1/ a/c 1907) | 4 1/2 % | 45/- |
| "Star" Ferry Company, Limited | 10,000 | \$10 | \$5 | { \$1,000,000 \$10,000 | \$1,000 | { \$1/- for year ending 30.4.1908 | 4 % | \$25 |
| Taku Tug and Lighter Company, Limited | 10,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 16,869 | Final of Tls. 1/- making Tls. 5/- for 1907 | 12 1/2 % | 114,40 sellers | |
| REFINERIES. | | | | | | | | |
| China Sugar Refining Company, Limited | 20,000 | \$100 | \$100 | Dr. \$279,371 | \$8 for year ending 31.12.06 | ... | \$130 | |
| Luton Sugar Refining Company, Limited | 7,000 | \$100 | \$100 | Dr. \$135,131 | \$3 in 1907 | ... | \$22 | |
| Perak Sugar Cultivation Company, Limited | 7,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | Dr. \$100,000 | Tls. 1 (8 2/3) for year ending 31.8.06 | ... | Tls. 95 sales | |
| MINING. | | | | | | | | |
| Chinese Engineering and Mining Company, Ltd. | 1,000,000 | \$1 | \$1 | { \$150,000 \$12,289 | \$11,556 | Interim of 1/6 (No. 10 for account 1908) | 7 1/2 % | Tls. 151 sales |
| Raub Australian Gold Mining Company, Limited | 50,000 | \$1 | \$1 | { \$150,000 \$4,873 | 11,358 | No. 17 m. 1/- = 48 units | ... | 17 sales |
| DOCKS, WHARVES & GODOWNS. | | | | | | | | |
| Fenwick (Geo.) & Co., Limited | 18,000 | \$15 | \$15 | \$53,501 | \$3,726 | \$1.75 for year ending 31.12.06 | ... | \$13 |
| Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd. | 63,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$150,000 | \$1,556 | Final of 1/8 making \$3 1/2 for 1907 | 7 1/2 % | \$28 |
| Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, Ltd. | 10,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$150,000 | \$441,442 | Final of \$4 making \$8 for 1907 | 7 1/2 % | \$103 |
| Shanghai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd. | 55,700 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 1,000,000 | 13 3/4 | Final of Tls. 1/4 making in all Tls. 5 for year ending 30.4.08 | 6 % | Tls. 85 sales |
| Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Company, Limited | 36,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | { Tls. 697,257 Tls. 125,000 | Tls. 22,626 | Final of Tls. 9 making Tls. 17 for 1907 | 8 % | Tls. 224 sellers |
| LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS. | | | | | | | | |
| Anglo-French Land Investment Co., Ltd. | 25,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 6,531 | Tls. 6 for 1907 | 6 % | Tls. 101 sales | |
| Astor House Hotel Company, Limited (Shanghai) | 30,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$10,000 | \$2 1/2 for year ending 30.6.07 | 11 1/2 % | 100 sellers | |
| Central Stores, Limited | 50,198 | \$25 | \$25 | \$15,000 | \$1.80 for 1906 | 8 1/2 % | 114 sellers | |
| Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited | 12,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$24,6975 | \$252 | Final of 1/8 making \$7 for 1907 | 8 1/2 % | 160 sellers |
| Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. | 50,000 | \$100 | \$100 | \$250,000 | \$36,915 | Final of \$3/- making in all \$7 for year | 7 1/2 % | 98 buyers |
| Humphreys Estate & Finance Company, Limited | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$217,420 | 4,651 | 70 cents for 1907 | 6 1/2 % | 110 |
| Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited | 6,000 | \$25 | \$25 | none | 1653 | \$1/- for 1907 | 6 1/2 % | 120 |
| Shanghai Land Investment Company, Limited | 78,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | { Tls. 1,523,045 Tls. 170,000 | Tls. 107,517 | Final of Tls. 3 and bonus of Tls. 2 making in all Tls. 8 for 1907 | 4 % | Tls. 61 buyers |
| West Point Building Company, Limited | 12,500 | \$25 | \$25 | none | \$1,541 | Final of \$2.10 making in all \$4.10 for year ending 31.12.07 | 8 1/2 % | \$48 |
| COTTON MILLS. | | | | | | | | |
| Ewo Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Ltd. | 15,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | { Tls. 150,000 Tls. 455,945 | Tls. 8,807 | Tls. 2 1/2 for year ended 31.10.1907 | 4 % | Tls. 61 buyers |
| Hongkong Cotton Spinning, Weaving and Dyeing Company, Limited | 125,000 | \$10 | \$10 | { Tls. 150,000 \$60,000 | \$14,269 | 50 cents for year ending 31.7.07 | 4 1/2 % | \$111 |
| International Cotton Manufacturing Company, Ltd. | 10,000 | Tls. 75 | Tls. 75 | Tls. 150,000 | Tls. 85,519 | Tls. 6 for year ended 30.9.06 (8 %) | ... | Tls. 671 sellers |
| Lau-kung-kow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd. | 8,000 | Tls. 100 | Tls. 100 | none | Tls. 8,130 | Tls. 8 for 1906 | ... | Tls. 75 |
| Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Company, Limited | 2,000 | Tls. 500 | Tls. 500 | Tls. 28,257 | Tls. 50 for 1906 | ... | Tls. 343 sellers | |
| MISCELLANEOUS. | | | | | | | | |
| Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited | 8,004 | 12/6 | 12/6 | { \$1,499. \$2,500 | 1,638 | 1/3 per share for 1906 | 9 % | \$71 |
| China-Borneo Company, Limited | 60,000 | \$12 | \$12 | nil | \$1.20 for 1907 | 11 % | \$104 | |
| China Light and Power Company, Limited Do. Do. special shares | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$25,000 | 60 cents for year ended 28.2.06 | ... | 161 | |
| China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company, Ltd. | 125,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$120,000 | \$1,593 | 80 cents for 1907 | 8 1/2 % | \$91 |
| Dairy Farm Company, Limited | 25,000 | \$74 | \$6 | { \$100,000 \$50,000 | \$2,974 | \$1.50 for year ending 31.7.07 | 6 1/2 % | 120 |
| Green Island Cement Company, Limited | 400,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$12,000 | \$15,078 | Final of 75 cents making in all \$1 1/2 for 1907 | 11 1/2 % | 912 sales |
| H. Price & Company, Limited | 12,000 | \$10 | \$10 | \$5,000 | \$235 | 75 cents for 9 months ending 31.12.07 | 8 % | 120 sellers |
| Hall & Holt, Limited | 21,000 | \$20 | \$20 | \$180,000 | \$8,977 | \$2 for year ending 28.2.08 | 10 % | \$102 |
| Hongkong Electric Company, Limited | 60,000 | \$10 | \$10 | none | \$19,321 | 1/1 and bonus 20 cts. for year ending 19.1.08 | 7 1/2 % | \$230 buyers |
| Hongkong Ice Company, Limited | 5,000 | \$25 | \$25 | \$120,000 | \$4,578 | Final of \$1.5 making in all \$1 1/2 for 1907 | 8 1/2 % | \$23 ex div. |
| Maa-tchappil (tot Mijn), Bosch-en Landbouwex- peditie in Langkat, Limited | 63,000 | \$10 | \$10 | none | 18,191 | Interim of Tls. 10, to for 2nd quarter | 6 1/2 % | Tls. 27,603 buyers |
| Peak Tramways Company, Limited | 25,000 | \$10 | \$10 | Tls. 547,500 | \$7,471 | 80 cents on fully paid shares and 6 cents on 1/2 paid shares for year ending 30.4.08 | 6 % | \$14 |
| Peak Tramways Company (new) | 50,000 | \$10 | \$10 | none | None | None | 5 1/2 % | \$2 |
| Philippine Company, Limited | 75,000 | \$10 | \$10 | Tls. 4,000 | 1,478 | Final of 1/8 making \$1 1/2 for 1907 | 4 1/2 % | Tls. 97 sellers |
| Shanghai Gas Company, Limited | 24,000 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 50 | Tls. 100,000 | Tls. 6,603 | 80 cents on 9,000 ord. shares and \$19.80 on 100 Founder shares for yr. end. 31.5.07 | 6 1/2 % | \$11 |
| Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited | 30,000 | Tls. 20 | Tls. 20 | { Tls. 24,820 Tls. 75,0 | | | | |